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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT ON SIGNING OF JSA AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) SEOUL 6748, (B) SEOUL 6794, (C) STATE 216547

(D) SEOUL 6910

1. PURSUANT RECOMMENDATION PARA 4C, REF D. FOLLOWING IS
A PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR ISSUANCE BY OURSELVES AND ROKG
FOLLOWING SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT ON NEW JSA ARRANGEMENTS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WELCOME THE SIGNING OF THE
AGREEMENT AMENDING THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION HEAD-
QUARTERS AGREEMENT A PANMUNJOM, SEPTEMBER (BLANK), 1976.
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS,
RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES TO
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THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTIONS OF THE JSA, ELIMINATING CONTACT

IN THE JSA INFRINGING ON PERSONAL SAFETY, AND REMOVING THE NORTH KOREAN GUARD POSTS FROM THE UNC SIDE OF THE JSA, COMPRISE A REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEP WHICH WHEN IMPLEMENTED WILL BETTER ASSURE THE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AFFIRM THAT (BOTH IN THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE LETTER OF THE AGREEMENT) THEY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY, SO THAT PROVOCATIONS MAY BE AVOIDED IN FUTURE. THEY URGE THAT THE SIGNATORS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT FOR THE OTHER SIDE DO THE SAME.

OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR PART WILL CONTINUE TO AVOID PROVOCATIVE ACTS, ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF THE DMZ AS WELL AS WITHIN THE JSA. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, THEY WILL HOLD THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE RESPONSIBLE FOR AVOIDING FUTURE PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS. AS THE RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT HAS DEMONSTRATED, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE DETERMINED TO RESPOND FIRMLY TO NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS. NORTH KOREAN LEADERS SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS FACT IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE ACTIONS. END QUOTE

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